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In re Application of:

Application No. 09/531,247

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Sir:

For:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated October 7, 2002, Applicants request amendment of the application as follows and further examination in light of the following remarks which are believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

Theodore M. Green, Reg. No. 41,801